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Enclosed for filing is a complete continuation patent application, entitled "ELECTRONIC ELECTRIC METER FOR NETWORKED METER READING" invented by:

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Specification including Claims - 26 pages

Abstract of the Disclosure

Drawings - 9 sheets

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This application is a continuation of prior filed co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/319,856, filed December 13, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/242,792, filed February 23, 1999, and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,538,577. In the continuation application, new claims have been added, and minor changes have been made to the specification, including those amendments made in the parent application. No new matter has been added.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Declaration is enclosed, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference.

The parent application is assigned to Silver Spring Networks, Inc.

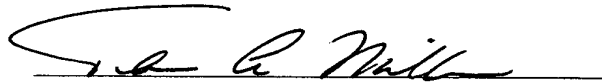
This application claims the foreign priority of Patent Application No. PCT/US97/15728 filed on September 5, 1997.

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